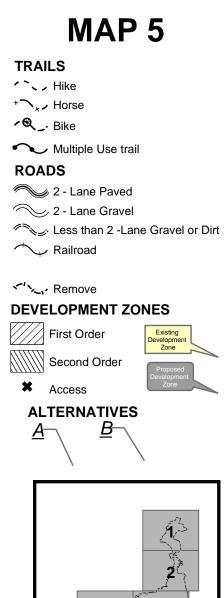
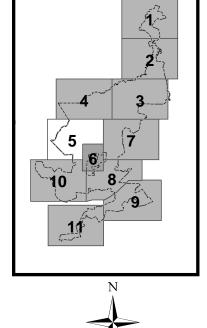
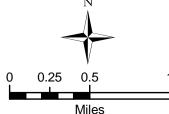


PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AND DESIGNATIONS







DEVELOPMENT SITES

Charit Creek Trailhead (Map 5, Site 1 – current; Site 2 – new)

Description: Existing designated site provides horse and foot trail access to Charit Creek. Access by Fork Ridge Road.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Move trailhead back to Fork Ridge Road near power line; site plan; provide parking for vehicles; remove existing site; provide separate areas for hikers and equestrians at new trailhead. Stop all recreational vehicular traffic at this site and allow only horse, hiking, and bicycle use beyond on Fork Ridge; continue administrative access to Charit Creek Lodge (Access)
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Gobblers Knob Trailhead (Map 5, Site 3)

Description: Existing designated site provides trail access. Access by Terry Cemetery Road.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue designated use. (Access)
- A: Same as Preferred
- · B: Same as Preferred

Middle Creek Equestrian Trailhead (Map 5, Site 4)

Description: Existing designated site provides access to horse trails. Access by Fork Ridge Road.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue designated use; site plan; expand and improve. (Second Order)
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Middle Creek Horse Camp (Map 5, Site 5)

Description: Potential new site would provide developed campsites for equestrians. Access by Divide Road.

Alternatives/Actions:

- Preferred: Not included
- A: Not included
- B: Site plan; provide horse camp. (Second Order)

Middle Creek Loop Trailhead (Map 5, Site 6)

Description: Existing designated site provides limited parking for hiking trail access. Access by well-traveled perimeter road, i.e., Divide Road.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue designated use.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Salt Pine Trailhead (Map 5, Site 7)

Description: Potential new trailhead to be provided by NPS or others for use by the general public. Access by Obey Blevins Road.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Coordinate site plan and provision of new equestrian trailhead. (Access)
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Sawmill Trailhead (Map 5, Site 8)

Description: Existing designated site provides trail access. Access by Fork Ridge Road.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue designated use; site review; possible expansion. (Access)
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Twin Arches Trailhead (Map 5, Site 9)

Description: Existing designated site provides trail access and picnicking. Access by Twin Arches Road.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue designated uses. (Second Order)
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Yellow Cliff Trailhead (Map 5, Site 10)

Description: Potential new trailhead to be provided by NPS or others for use by the general public. Access by Obey Blevins Road.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Coordinate site plan and provision of new equestrian trailhead. (Access)
- A: Same as Preferred
- . B: Same as Preferred

ROADS AND TRAILS

Black House Branch Trail (Segment A) (Map 5, Trail 3)

Description: Designated multiple-use trail on plateau up to gorge closure; horse trail within the gorge. Multiple-use trail is located on old road and used for hunting and power line access. Horse trail is gravel and also used by hikers to access Laurel Fork Creek Hiking Trail.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Designate as horse trail.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: H-2

Charit Creek Hiking Trail (Map 5, Trail 6)

Description: Designated foot trail used to access Charit Creek Lodge and to connect with other trails. Portions are substandard.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue designated use; minor relocations; rehabilitate to standard
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: F-2

Charit Creek Horse Trail (Map 5, Trails 7, 8)

Description: Designated horse trail also used by administrative vehicles to access Charit Creek Lodge and to connect with other trails. Hikers on Twin Arches Loop Trail share portion of this trail. Crossing of Station Camp Creek is impacting stream.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue as designated; address stream crossing impacts
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: H-2

Charit Creek Overlook Spur (aka Station Camp Overlook) (Map 5, Trail 9)

Description: Designated route, on old road, used by wagons and horses to access overlook.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue as designated
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: H-4

Charit Creek Trailhead Access Trail (Map 5, Trail 10)

Description: Designated gravel road used by 2 wheel drive vehicles to access the trailhead. Parking area is too small for amount of use. Road is also used by horses as a connecting route between trails.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Move trailhead back next to Fork Ridge Road near the power line crossing and change designation of this access road to a horse trail. Continue administrative vehicle access to Charit Creek Lodge.
- · A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: H-2

Dirt Rockhouse Cemetery Trail (aka Sharp Cemetery Road) (Map 5, Trail 11)

Description: Designated gravel road providing access to cemetery

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Redesignate as multiple-use trail
- A: Same as preferred
- B: Continue road designation (i.e., no horse use)

Standard: Preferred/A: MU; B: 2C

Divide Road (Map 5, Road 12, 13)

Description: Designated gravel road used by all types of motor vehicles, wagons, horses, and hikers to access backcountry locations, special features, hunting areas, and by through traffic. Road is essentially one lane with pullouts and is often unsafe for the mix of uses. The portion from TN 154 to Twin Arches Road is designated Segment A, and the remainder to the state line is Segment B.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue designation for road uses only, including properly marked wagons but not allowing horseback riding: increase standard on Segment A due to attraction of Twin Arches
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Continue road uses only; relocate wagons and horses to potential new trail under Alternative B (only): Gobbler's Knob-Peters Mountain Wagon Trail

Standard: Segment A: 2B; Segment B: 2C

Duncan Hollow Road (Map 5, Road 14)

Description: Designated multiple-use trail; gravel, single lane old road used by vehicles of all types, horses, bikes, and some hikers for backcountry and hunting access, access to other trails, cemeteries, gas wells and other administrative needs, including the State Forest. This is a heavily used route with frequent user conflicts.

- Preferred: Redesignate for Road uses only. Relocate trail uses to new trail (see proposed new Duncan Hollow Trail/Segment A).
- A: Continue as designated multiple-use trail.
- B: Same as Preferred

Duncan Hollow Trail (Segment A) (Map 5, Trail 15)

Description: Potential new horse/foot trail providing a better and safer trail experience.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Provide new horse/foot trail between Bandy Creek development area and the vicinity of the gorge closure for Duncan Hollow Road.
- A: Not included
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: H-5

Duncan Hollow Trail (Segment B) (Map 5, Trail 16)

Description: Designated gravel horse trail, also used by bikes, to access other trails in Station Camp area. Steep sections are erosion-prone and difficult for horses. Bikes and horses on this segment can be a safety issue.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue as designated horse trail; provide potential alternate route for bikes; rehabilitate and relocate trail portions
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: H-5

Fire Tower Trail (Map 5, Trail 17)

Description: Designated old road leading to site of old Pickett fire tower and cabin (built by CCC). Cabin remains but in poor condition. Site of informal camping and inappropriate uses. Interpretive potential.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue access and redesignate as multiple use trail for 4 wheel drives, horses, and hikers;
 interpret cabin and site, cabin treatment to be decided by site-specific plan; add small picnic opportunity
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Continue only road access by vehicle; add interpretation and picnicking

Standard: Preferred/A: MU; B: 2C

Fork Ridge Road and Trail (Map 5, Road 18, Trail 19)

Description: Designated gravel road, suitable for 2 wheel drive vehicles, providing access to trailheads. Horse trail currently on road from Middle Creek Equestrian Trailhead out. Also used for power line access and administrative access to Charit Creek Lodge.

- Preferred: Continue designated road use from Divide Road to Middle Creek Equestrian Trailhead (Segment A); change designation of rest of road to Multiple Use Trail (Segment B), which would provide for legal use by horses; slow vehicle traffic on Segment B with speed reduction devices; post warning signs
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: Segment A: 2B; Segment B: MU (exception: some sections of this multiple-use trail may be up to 22 feet wide to allow safe passage of two trailers)

Fork Ridge Gorge Access Trail (Map 5, Trails 20, 21)

Description: Designated multiple-use trail on old road out to gorge closure and horse trail into gorge.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Designate as horse, foot, and bicycle trail from new trailhead (Site 2) to end of trail in gorge
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: Trail 20: MU; Trail 21: H-5

Gobbler's Knob - Peters Mountain Wagon Trail (Map 5, Trail 23)

Description: Potential new trail for use by wagons and horses for general recreation and access to trails within Daniel Boone National Forest. Currently, these uses must be on Divide Road and Laurel Ridge Road, causing safety issues.

Alternatives/actions:

Preferred: Not included

A: Not included

B: Site plan; provide new trail

Standard: H-4

Gobbler's Knob Trail (Map 5, Trail 22)

Description: Designated trail for horses, wagons, and bikes.

Alternatives/actions:

Preferred: Continue as designated

A: Same as Preferred

B: Same as Preferred

Standard: H-4

Hatfield Ridge Trail (Map 5, Trails 25, 26, 27)

Description: Designated trail mainly on old roads, considered in three sections: Segment A: the horse trail from Gobbler's Knob Trailhead essentially paralleling Terry Cemetery Road; Segment B: the multiple use trail to the closure; Segment C: the horse trail extending to Station Camp Creek Trail. Segments A and B are used

by horses to access Charit Creek Lodge and other trails, and by horses and wagons to access the Charit Creek Overlook. Segment B, the multiple use section, connects with Terry Cemetery Road and is also used by 2 and 4 wheel drive vehicles for backcountry and hunting access. Segment C extends into the gorge over a particularly steep section to the Station Camp crossing area.

(Segment A: Trail 25; Segment B: Trail 26; Segment C: Trail 27)

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Retain designation of Segment B as multiple-use trail; move trail uses from Segment A onto Terry Cemetery Road (see proposed redesignation for Terry Cemetery Road) and allow Segment A to revegetate. Continue horse use of Segment C.
- A: Continue current horse trail use of existing Segments A and C; redesignate multiple-use Segment B
 as horse trail only.
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: Preferred/B: Segment A: remove; Segment B: 2C; Segment C: H-5 A: Segment A: H-4; Segments B&C: H-5

Hatfield Ridge - Charit Creek Lodge Connector (Map 5, Trail 24)

Description: Designated graveled trail for horses and administrative vehicles to access Charit Creek Lodge area and other trails. Impacts occurring on Lonesome Arch through off-trail use.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue as designated; address impacts on arch through changes in trail design, including hiking-only approach trail
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: H-4

Hattie Blevins Cemetery Road (Map 5, Road 28)

Description: Designated gravel road used by 2 wheel drive and other vehicles to access the cemetery, a trailhead, and also for hunting access. A portion of the road is also used as a foot trail, Rock Creek Loop.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue as designated road; bring road and parking to standard; relocate trail use to improve safety and visitor experience.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: 2B

John Muir Trail (Segments G and I) (Map 5, Trails 29, 31)

Description: Portion of designated long-distance hiking trail between Station Camp and No Business Trail. Section along river, built to foot-trail standards, is also being used by horses to avoid wet areas on River Trail West, resulting in unsatisfactory trail conditions and resource impacts.

Alternatives/actions:

Preferred: Site plan; combine trail uses in river corridor on single suitable alignment where appropriate.

- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: F-4/ H-3

Laurel Fork Creek Connector (Map 5, Trails 36, 37)

Description: Designated, short, heavily used connector trail linking several horse and foot trails, including John Muir Trail, Segment H.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue use as designated
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: H-2

Laurel Fork Creek Trail (Map 5, Trails 34, 35)

Description: Designated hiking-only trail traversing the length of Laurel Fork Creek. A short portion is located on Black House Branch horse trail. Horses also use portions of this hike-only trail in other areas, resulting in adverse impacts to hiking trail.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue use for hiking only, except that portion on Black House Branch Trail; correct impacts caused by horse use; take appropriate actions to remove horse use from other portions of trail.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: F-3

Middle Creek Equestrian Connector Trail (Map 5, Trail 70)

Description: Trail does not currently exist. Would connect Middle Creek Horse Camp (proposed under Alternative B) with existing horse trail system.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Not included
- A: Not included
- B: Designate new trail for horse use

Standard: H-4

Middle Creek Equestrian Trailhead Spur (Map 5, Road 41)

Description: Designated short gravel spur road to trailhead

- Preferred: Continue as designated
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: 2B

Middle Creek Nature Loop Trail (Map 5, Trail 38)

Description: Designated, easily accessible nature trail. Short portion of trail is on Jones Cabin Road. Parking at Middle Creek Trailhead on Divide Road is very small and limits use.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue designated hiking-only use; eliminate all vehicular/road uses
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Most of trail area would be redeveloped for a new (Alternative B) horse camp/trailhead accessed from Divide Road. The current trail would no longer exist.

Standard: Preferred/A: F-4; B: N/A Middle Creek Road (Map 5, Road 39)

Description: Designated, single lane gravel road used to access the Gobbler's Knob Trail. Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Designate for administrative uses only, no public access
- A: Same as preferred
- B: Same as preferred

Standard: MU

Parch Corn Trail (Map 5, Trails 42, 43)

Description: Existing, designated old road -- currently closed by storm debris -- leading from Terry Cemetery Road into the gorge to the Parch Corn cabin site and river. Numerous sensitive resources lie along the ridgetop portion of the route. Leaving the plateau, the route descends steeply to Parch Corn Creek. Before storm closure, the route was previously used for hunting and backcountry access, search and rescue (SAR), and maintenance of trails along the river.

Alternatives/Actions:

- Preferred: Reopen and redesignate as a hiking trail only. This route would be reopened under very stringent conditions. Reopening for hiking only would allow public use in the least impacting manner and would allow for interpretation of nearby resources. Administrative use could continue for the infrequent trail maintenance needs along the river and for SAR, especially needed under high water conditions. Reopening would occur in such a way to minimize impacts on resources through design and/or minor relocations and public education. Monitoring would be intensive. If monitoring indicates a trend in adverse impacts, use would be restricted. Also, if maintenance practices change that could include a suitable river crossing at Station Camp, administrative use of the Parch Corn route would be re-evaluated.
- A: Route to remain unopened/unused. Remove designation.
- B: Same as Preferred.

Standard: 4 (for limited administrative use of OHVs); surface suitable for hiking

Parch Corn Spur (Map 5, Trail 44)

Description: Undesignated old road used by horses and hikers to access the Parch Corn farmstead site from River Trail West and the John Muir Trail. Route is indefinite and in stream in places. This site has been determined to be eligible for listing in the National Register for Historical Places.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Site review; designate route for horses and hiking; rehabilitate to bring to appropriate standard.
- A: Not included
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: H-5

Salt Pine Ridge Trail (Map 5, Trail 46)

Description: Existing, undesignated route mostly on old road used increasingly by horses coming from outside the National Area connecting with Fork Ridge Road to access trails beyond or to make a loop ride using Yellow Cliff Trail. Not maintained; erosion occurring.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Site review; designate as horse/foot trail (no bicycle use). Designate general public-use trailhead (trail designation depends on availability of public use trailhead). Bring to standard and address eroding areas and crossing of Laurel Fork Creek Trail
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred, except instead of connecting with Fork Ridge Road, connect to Middle Creek Equestrian Trailhead avoiding use of Fork Ridge Road.

Standard: H-5

Slave Falls Loop Trail (Map 5, Trails 49, 50)

Description: Designated foot trail providing easy hiking experience that also provides access to Slave Falls and to other trails. Shares short distance near Fork Ridge Road with undesignated Yellow Cliff horse trail

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue designated use
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: F-4

Slave Falls-Middle Creek Connector (Map 5, Trail 48)

Description: Designated foot trail connecting Middle Creek Nature Trail to Slave Falls Loop Trail

- Preferred: Continue designated use
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Site plan; extend trail westward to connect with new Middle Creek Trailhead development area (a redesignation of a portion of Middle Creek Nature Trail)

Slave Falls Spur Trails (East and West) (Map 5, Trails 51, 52)

Description: Designated, very short foot trails from Slave Falls-to-Charit Creek Trail providing access to both sides of Slave Falls and associated rock shelter. Users tend to go past ends of trails and are impacting a sensitive area.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue designated use of the east spur only and remove/reclaim the west spur. Increase
 user education.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Continue use of both spurs; conduct minor rehabilitation; increase user education.

Standard: F-4

Slave Falls-to-Charit Creek Trail (Map 5, Trail 47)

Description: Designated connector foot trail providing access to Slave Falls, Twin Arches, Charit Creek, and other trails.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue designated use.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: F-4

Station Camp Creek Trail (Map 5, Trail 54)

Description: Designated graveled trail used significantly by horses between Charit Creek Lodge and the Station Camp crossing and "hub" area. Trail has many stream crossings and is in the stream in places. Route is also used for cemetery access and administrative purposes.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue as designated horse trail; re-route trail to minimize stream crossings, and mitigate resource impacts.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: H-4

Station Camp – Duncan Hollow Connector (Map 5, Trail 53)

Description: Designated horse and foot connecting trail on old road. Flooding and erosion of the trail are issues.

- Preferred: Continue designated use, but investigate possibilities for relocation/rerouting of use
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

TN 154 (#) (Map 5, Road 57)

Description: Designated, two-lane paved state highway.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue as designated; coordinate with state
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: 2A

TN 297 (Map 5, Road 58)

Description: Paved, major access route to and through National Area; access to Bandy Creek development area; used by all types of street-legal vehicles, including through commercial vehicles and trucks. Portion through gorge has very tight turns and 13% grades.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue use as designated. Investigate limiting use of large commercial vehicles to improve safety and visitor experience.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: 1A

Terry Cemetery Road and Trail (Map 5, Road 55, Trail 56)

Description: Designated two-lane gravel road usable by 2 wheel drive vehicles to access trailheads and cemeteries and for backcountry driving. Considered in two sections: Segment A, from Divide Road to Gobbler's Knob Trailhead, and Segment B, out to Terry Cemetery Trailhead. Segment B is also used by horses.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue use of Segment A as designated road; redesignate Segment B as a multiple-use trail to allow legal use by horses; reduce standard; install traffic control devices, and allow native vegetation to reclaim roadsides for more natural corridor and to slow traffic.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Continue use of both segments as designated road, which would disallow horses; same vegetation treatment of roadsides.

Standard: Preferred/A: Segment A: 2B; Segment B: MU (exception: some sections of this multiple-use trail may be up to 22 feet wide to allow safe passage of two trailers)

B: both segments—2B

Twin Arches Loop Trail (Map 5, Trails 8, 59, 61)

Description: Designated constructed foot trail providing loop hiking experience and access to arches, Charit Creek Lodge, and other sites and trails. Use at arches is impacting these formations. Small portion is on Charit Creek Horse Trail.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue as designated; address impacts on arches through changes in design and/or management
- · A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: F-4

Twin Arches Road (Map 5, Road 62)

Description: Designated gravel road intended for use by 2 wheel drive vehicles for access to the Twin Arches trailhead. Road is substandard for amount of use occurring.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue as designated; raise standard
- A: Same as Preferred
- · B: Same as Preferred

Standard: 2B

Twin Arches Trail (Map 5, Trail 63)

Description: Designated, popular constructed foot trail providing access to Twin Arches and other trails. Access is resulting in impacts to arches.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue as designated; address impacts through changes in design and/or management
- A: Same as Preferred
- · B: Same as Preferred

Standard: F-4

West Bandy Creek Bike Trail (Map 5, Trail 65)

Description: Designated, easily accessible, single-track mountain bike trail.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue use as designated.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: B

West Bandy Creek Bike Trail Extension (Map 5, Trail 66)

Description: Potential new single-track mountain bike trail that would lengthen ride and connect with Collier Ridge Bike Trail.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Site plan; provide new trail
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: B

West Bandy Creek Road (Map 5, Road 67)

Description: Designated, two-way, gravel connector road suitable for 2 wheel drive vehicles. Road used to access active cemetery, historic sites, trailheads, and as another connector between the Bandy Creek development area and TN 297. Width varies from essentially one-lane to stretches that are wide enough for oncoming vehicles to pass easily.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue two-way use. Site review; maintain essentially the existing narrow width, but bring to standard to allow safer on-coming vehicle passing in appropriate areas. Gravel surface.
- A: Designate one-way to maintain narrow width and bring to standard (somewhat narrower width than Preferred). Gravel surface.
- B: Continue two-way use. Site review and widen where necessary to provide for a continuous two-lane roadway. Paved.

Standard: Preferred: 2B; A: 2B; B: 2A

West Entrance Trail (Map 5, Trail 68)

Description: Designated foot trail providing access northward from trailhead to Laurel Fork Creek Trail and eastward to Oscar Blevins Loop Trail and the Bandy Creek development area. Portion also designated as part of Collier Ridge Bike Loop.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Redesignate portion immediately east of West Entrance Trailhead for the additional use by bikes to provide connection with Collier Ridge Loop bike trail.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Continue use as foot trail only

Standard: F-2

Yellow Cliff Trail (Map 5, Trails 50, 69)

Description: Undesignated route on old road used by horses as a connecting trail between Fork Ridge Road and an entry on the boundary of the National Area. Not maintained and substandard. Used also as part of long ride with Salt Pine Trail.

Alternatives/site review:

- Preferred: Designate route as horse/foot trail (no bicycle use); bring to standard. Designate public-use trailhead (trail designation depends on public-use trailhead). Address impacts on Laurel Fork Creek Trail at crossing.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: Trail 50: F-4; Trail 69: H-5